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For: TOOL FOR PRODUCING CAST COMPONENTS, METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SAID TOOL, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CAST COMPONENTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**REMARKS**